



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A listing of the claims presented in this patent application appears below. This listing replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in this patent application.

Claims 1 - 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously amended): The system according to claim 52, wherein said command signal includes an operation object signal for indicating a display item of an operation object on said control panel and a response designation signal for designating a response of said remote controller to said input operation to said control panel in accordance with said display item.

Claim 5 (previously amended): The system according to claim 4, wherein said display item includes an image of a control button and said input operation to said control panel includes a manual operation of said control button.

Claim 6 (previously amended): The system according to claim 52, wherein said transmission controller comprises a multiplex element for multiplexing said broadcast data and said external control signal into said broadcasting waves for respective channels and a multiplex signal transmission element for transmitting said broadcasting waves for the respective channels to said receiver.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously amended): The system according to claim 52, wherein said switching is transmitted at regular intervals within a predetermined time period.

Claim 9 (previously amended): The system according to claim 52, wherein said peripheral device includes a toy device relating to a character and said external control signal includes information for operating said toy device in response to an operation of said character appearing in said broadcast program.

Claim 10 (previously amended): The system according to claim 52,
wherein said peripheral device includes a toy device relating to a character,
wherein said toy device comprises a voice storage, and
wherein said external control signal includes a voice signal representative of a voice emitted by said character appearing in said broadcast program and a storage command signal for instructing said toy device to store said voice signal in said voice storage.

Claims 11-51 (canceled).

Claim 52 (currently amended): A broadcasting system comprising a broadcasting device for transmitting broadcasting waves, a receiver for receiving said broadcasting waves, and a peripheral device provided outside said receiver;

said broadcast device comprising a transmission controller for transmitting a combination of broadcast data about a broadcast program and an external control signal for controlling said peripheral device in accordance with contents of said broadcast program in the form of said broadcasting waves to said receiver, said transmission controller comprises a clock element for clocking a broadcasting time of said broadcast program or elapsed time since start of broadcasting as a timing signal and a switching signal transmission element for transmitting a switching signal to said receiver, based on said timing signal, for ~~[[said]]~~ displaying a ~~[[said]]~~ display item on ~~[[said]]~~ a control panel of ~~to~~ said receiver~~[[,]]~~ ~~based on said timing signal;~~

said receiver comprising a receiver controller for receiving said broadcasting waves from said broadcasting device to output said broadcast data to a reproducer and to transmit a command signal dependent on said external control signal, said receiver controller comprises a switching

signal extraction element for extracting said switching signal from said broadcasting waves for a selected channel to transmit said switching signal to [[said]] a remote controller; and

said peripheral device includes at least one of an illumination device, an air conditioner, a sound generator, and a remote controller for said receiver, said remote controller is controlled by said command signal and comprises a control panel having a display device and a control element for displaying an item dependent on said external control signal on said display device and for transmitting to said receiver an information signal responsive to an input operation to said control panel in accordance with said item, said control element comprises a switching element for switching a first display item on said control panel to a second display item specified by said external control signal in response to said switching signal.